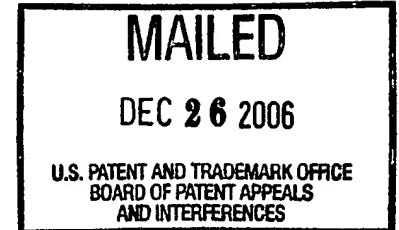


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BEFORE THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS
AND INTERFERENCES

Ex parte GEORGES SMITS and
LEEN DE LEENHEER

Application 09/600,732



ORDER RETURNING UNDOCKETED APPEAL TO EXAMINER

This application was electronically received at the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences on December 20, 2006. A review of the application has revealed that the application is not ready for docketing as an appeal. Accordingly, the application is herewith being returned to the examiner. The matter requiring attention prior to docketing is identified below.

It is not apparent from the record that the examiner considered the Substitute Reply Brief filed December 1, 2006.

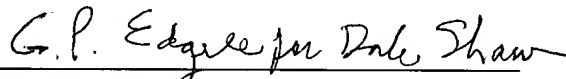
Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the instant application be electronically returned to the examiner to:

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- (1) consider the Substitute Reply Brief;
- (2) provide written notification to appellants of said consideration; and
- (3) for such further action as may be appropriate.

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